

The California Demonstration Program for Control of PM from Diesel Backup Generators (BUGs)

Back-up-Generators – to Use or Not to Use

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Today's Topics

- Current state of understanding about emissions from diesel backup generators.
- Background on California PM demonstration program for diesel backup generators.
- Approach to measurement of PM emissions
- Emission results for:
 - Uncontrolled sources
 - Controlled sources

EPA's AP-42 Emission Factors

	Small Engines (<440 kW)		Large Engines (>440 kW)	
Pollutant	Factor (g/kW-hr)	Rating	Factor (g/kW-hr)	Rating
NO _x	18.8	D	14.952	B
CO	4.06	D	3.34	C
CO ₂	704	B	705.28	B
PM ₁₀	1.34	D	0.426	B
HC exhaust	1.50	D		
TOC as CH ₄			0.429	C
Aldehydes	0.28	D	0.07	E

Objectives for California Diesel Backup Generator (BUGs) Project

- **Cooperative project of the California Energy Commission and the California Air Resources Board**
- **Measure emissions from representative BUGs based on:**
 - Size (>300kW)
 - Market share
 - Age/emission standards
- **Measure “real world” emissions**
 - Regulated gaseous emissions
 - Regulated particulate matter (PM) emissions
 - Speciated VOCs and SVOCs, including toxics for selected units
- **Develop emission factors for BUGs.**
 - Uncontrolled and controlled emission factors.

PM Demonstration-Test Matrix

- Size Ranges
 - 12 engines (300 to 750 kW)
 - 3 engines (1000 to 2000 kW)
- Age Ranges
 - Pre 1987
 - 1987-1996
 - Post 1996
- Manufacturers
 - Caterpillar
 - Cummins
 - Detroit Diesel Corporation



PM Control Technologies Selected for Demonstration

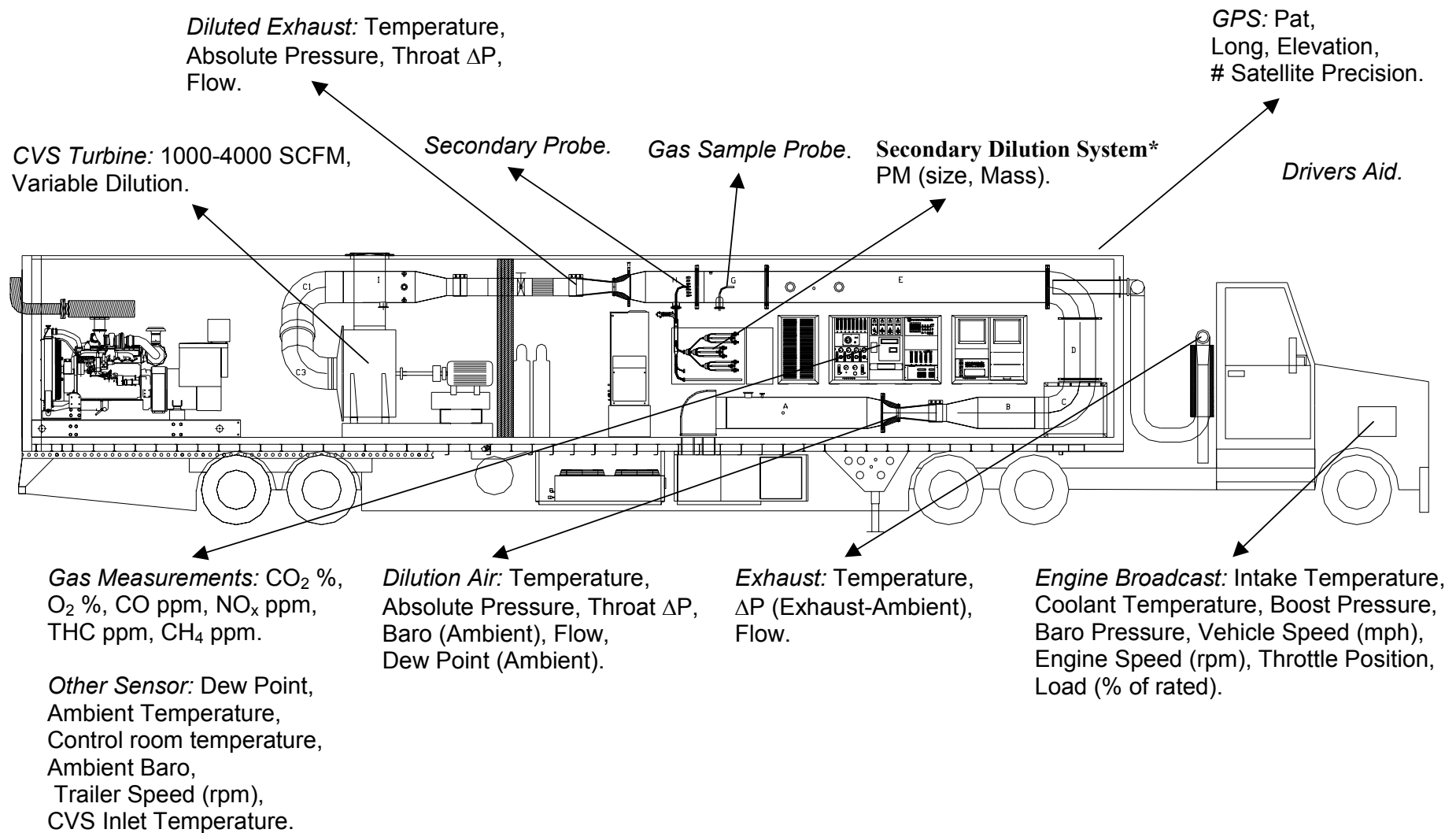
- Emulsified Fuel
- Fuel-borne Catalysts
- Diesel Oxidation Catalysts
- Passive Filters
- Active Filter



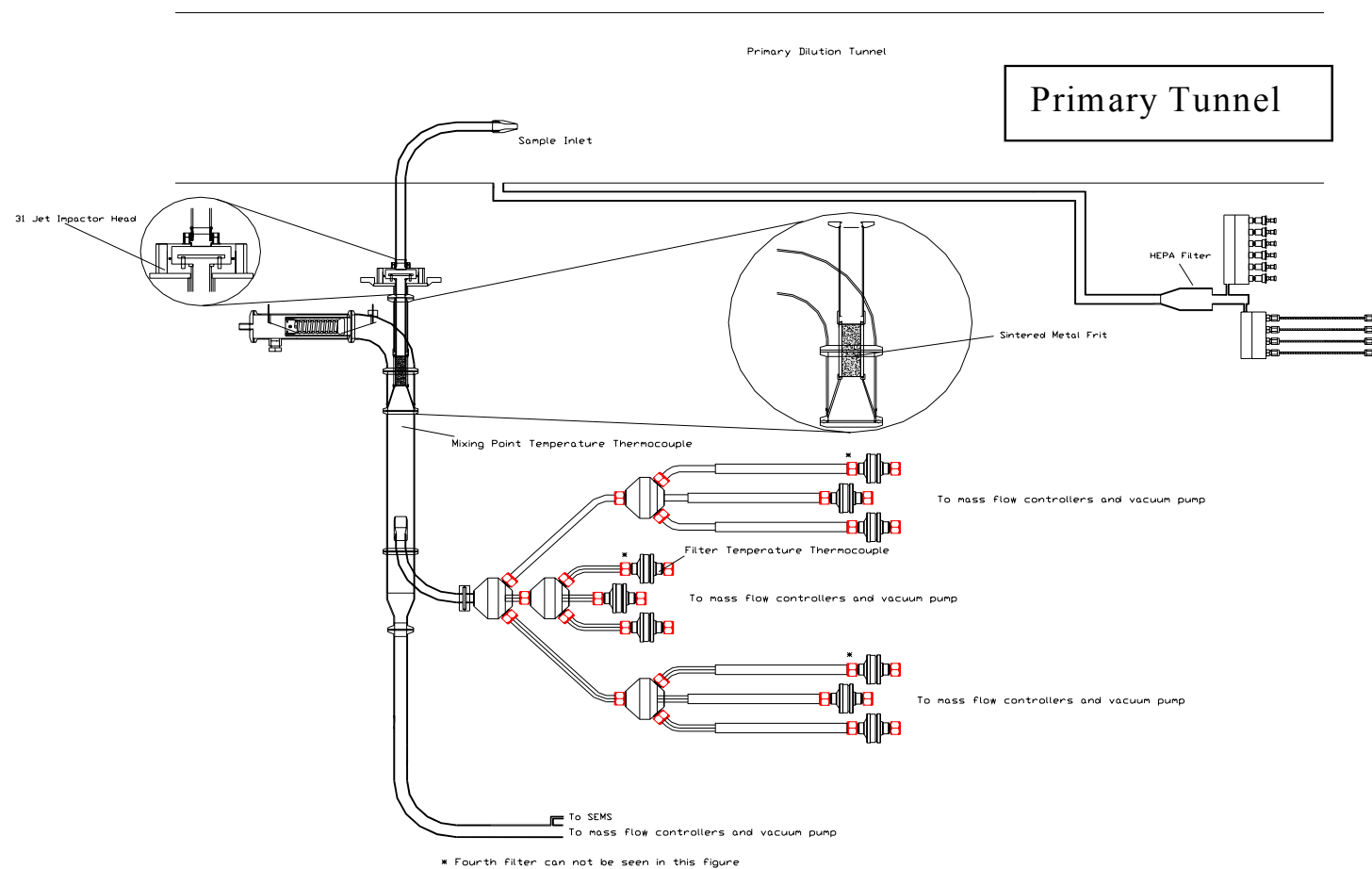
UCR's Mobile Emission Lab



Schematic of UCR's Heavy-duty Mobile Emission Laboratory (MEL)



Schematic of Secondary Sampling System



Inside the Mobile Laboratory



Field Testing of Backup Generators (BUGs)

Field Issues

- Identify participating sites
- Survey site to assess acceptability of BUG
- Fabricate parts & connect BUG to HDD lab.
- Install load bank & set operating modes
- Undertake QA/QC procedures
 - Primary & secondary tunnels
 - Analytical bench instruments



600 kw load bank
600 kg
Steps: 1kw @ 415volt



Testing Protocol for Backup Generators

1. Cold start/idle for 30 minutes
2. ISO-8178B -- Type D2 constant speed

Mode	1	2	3	4	5
Speed	rated speed				
Load	100%	75%	50%	25%	10%
Weighting Factor	0.05	0.25	0.3	0.3	0.1

Example:

$$GAS_x = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n M_{GASi} \times W_{Fi}}{\sum_{i=1}^n P_i \times W_{Fi}}$$

Where:

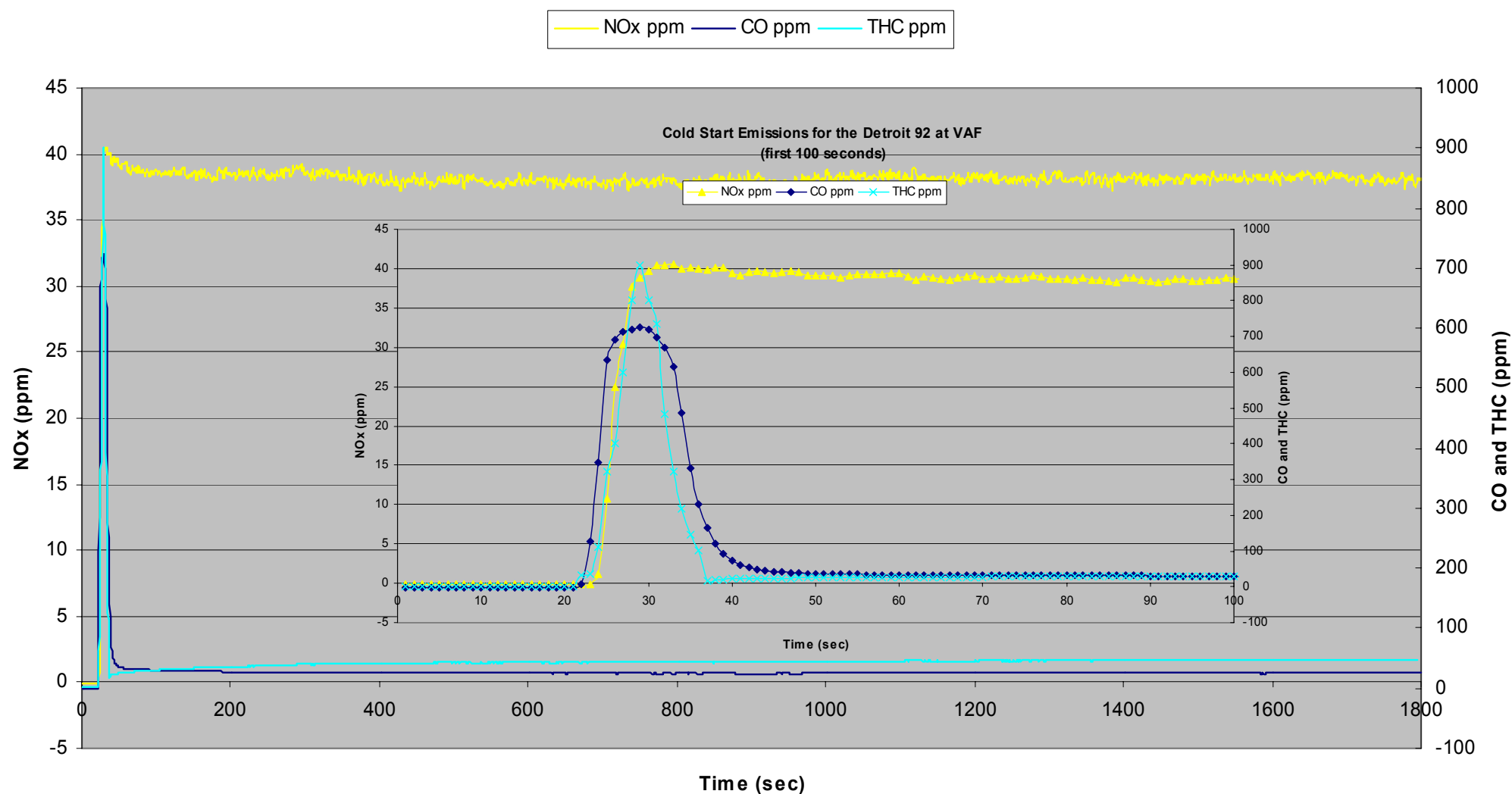
GAS_x = overall emission factor of a given pollutant (lb/hp-hr or g/kW-hr)

M_{GASi} = emission factor of given pollutant at Mode i

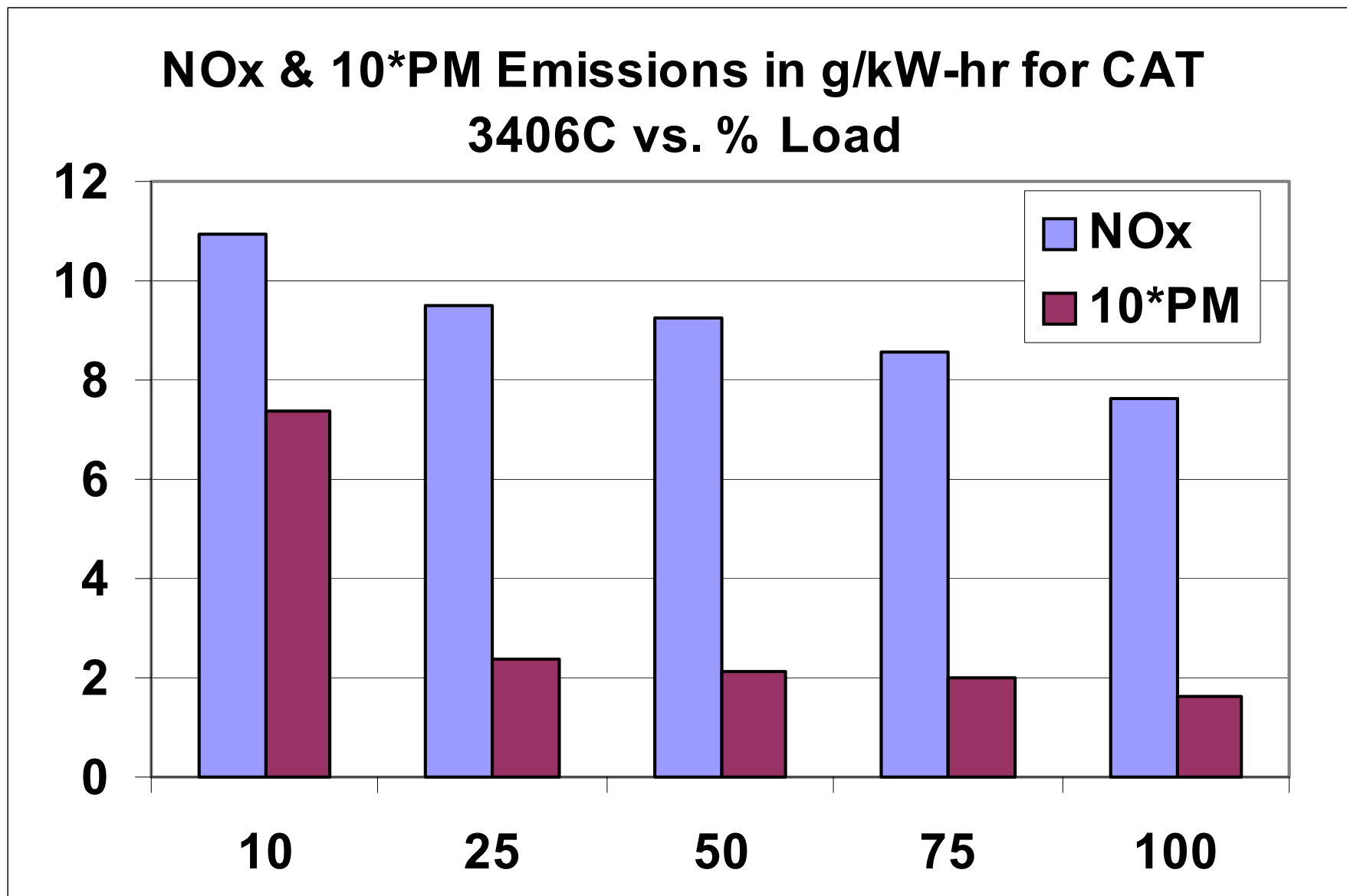
P_i = load value at Mode i + auxiliary loads

Gaseous Emissions at Cold-Start for a for BUG

Cold Start Emissions for the Detroit 92 at VAF



NO_x & PM Emissions Factors for Uncontrolled BUG

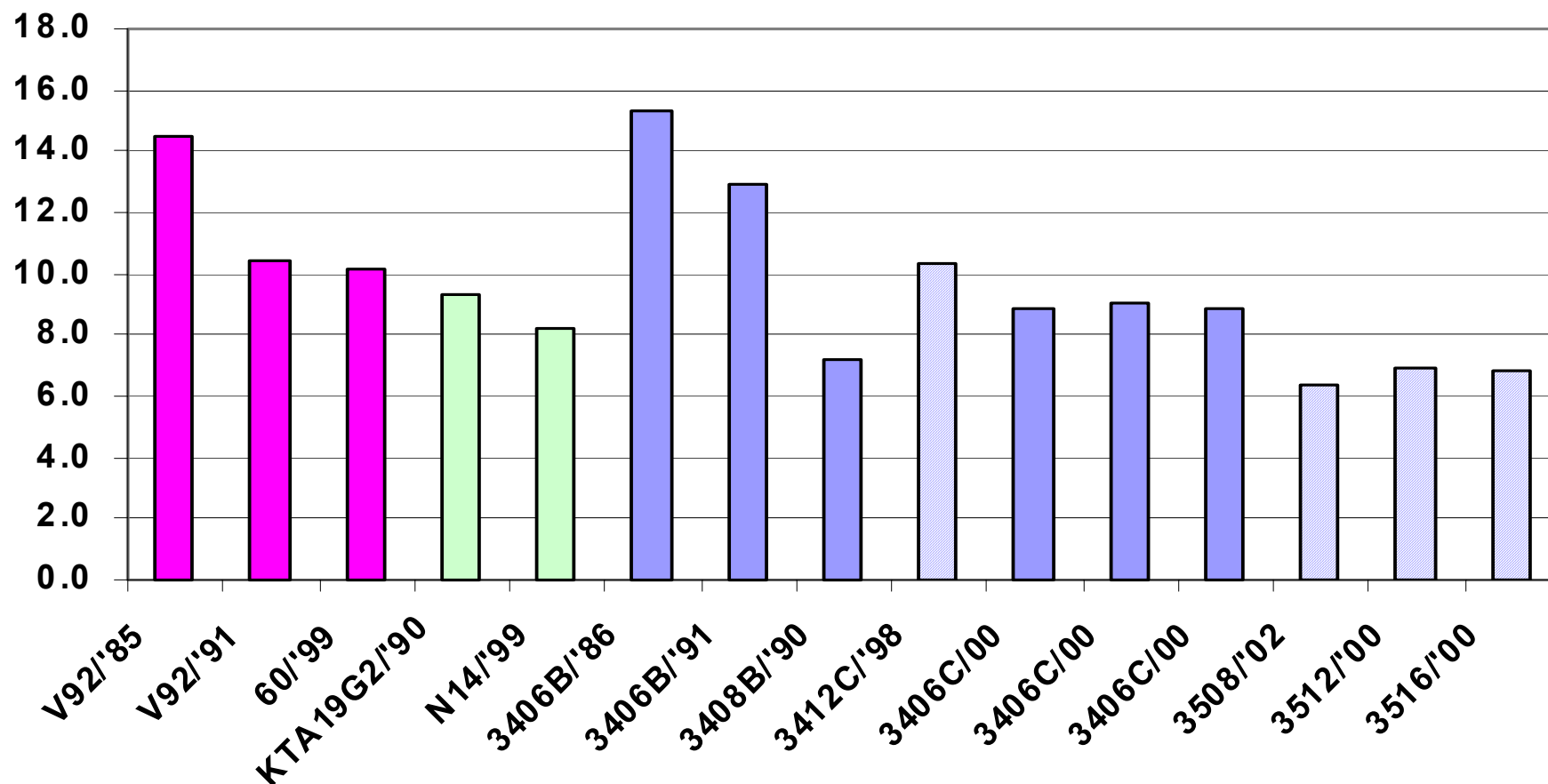


NO_x Emission Factors from Uncontrolled BUGs

AP-42= 18.8 & 14.95 g//kW-hr

Certification: T1 = 9.2, T2= 6.4

NO_x Emission Factors from Uncontrolled BUGs (g/kW-hr)

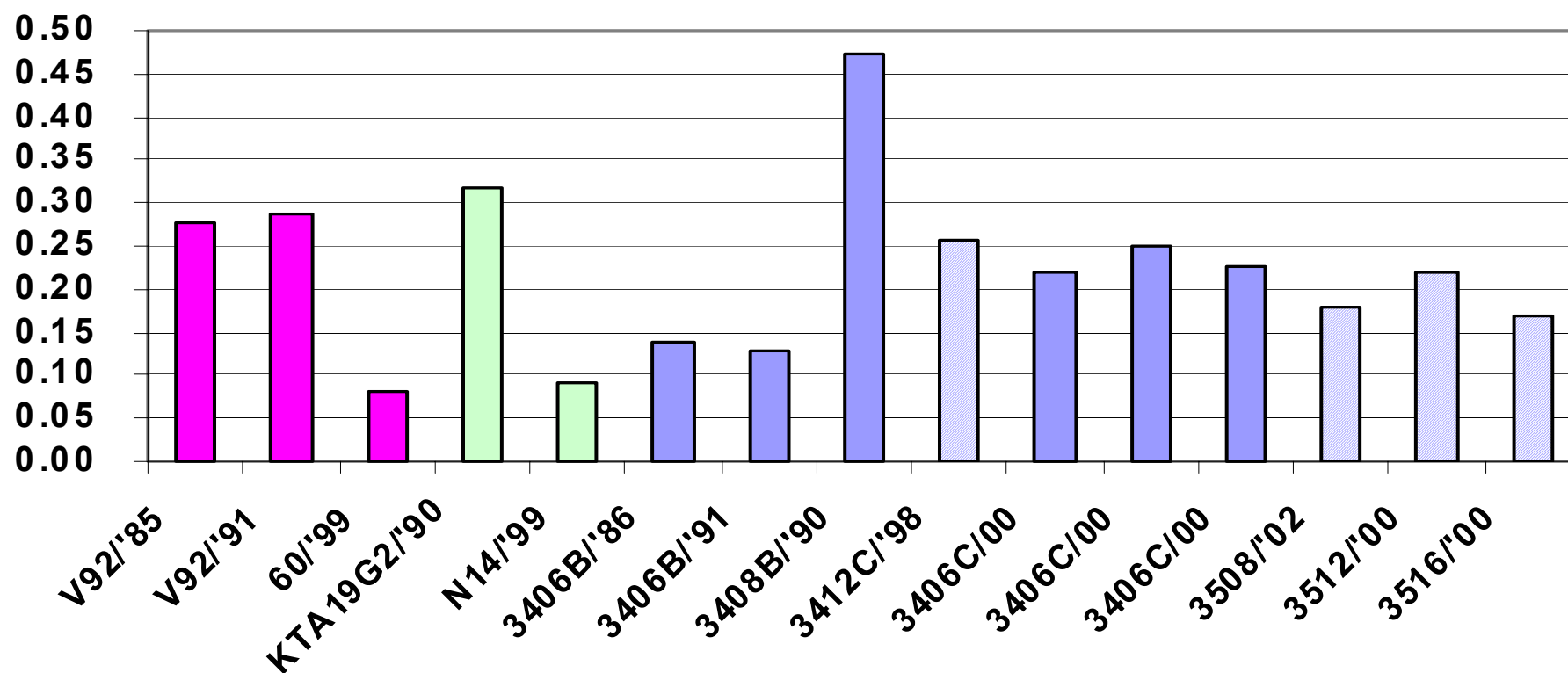


PM Emission Factors from Uncontrolled BUGs

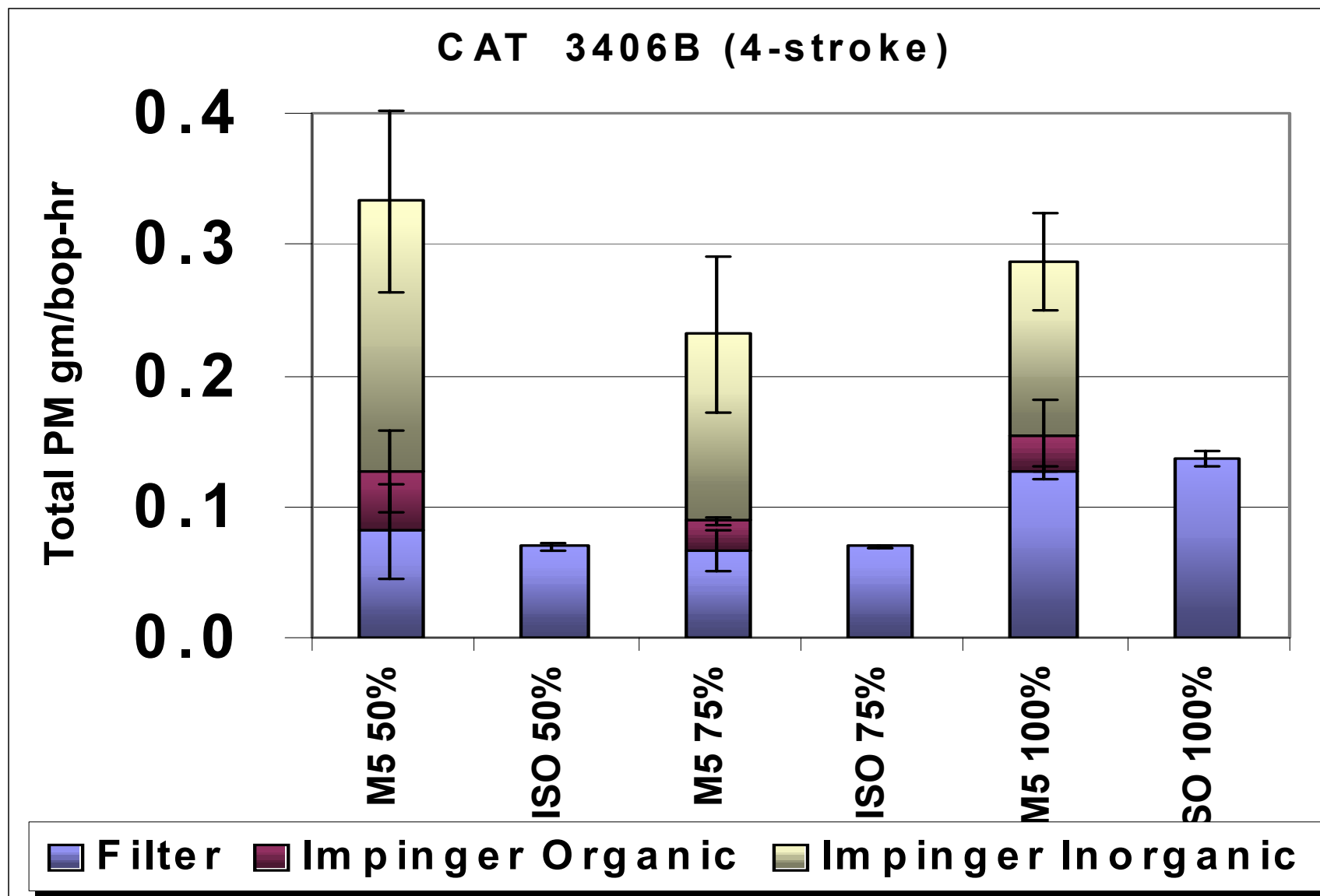
AP-42= 1.34 & 0.43 g//kW-hr

Certification: T1 = 0.54, T2= 0.20

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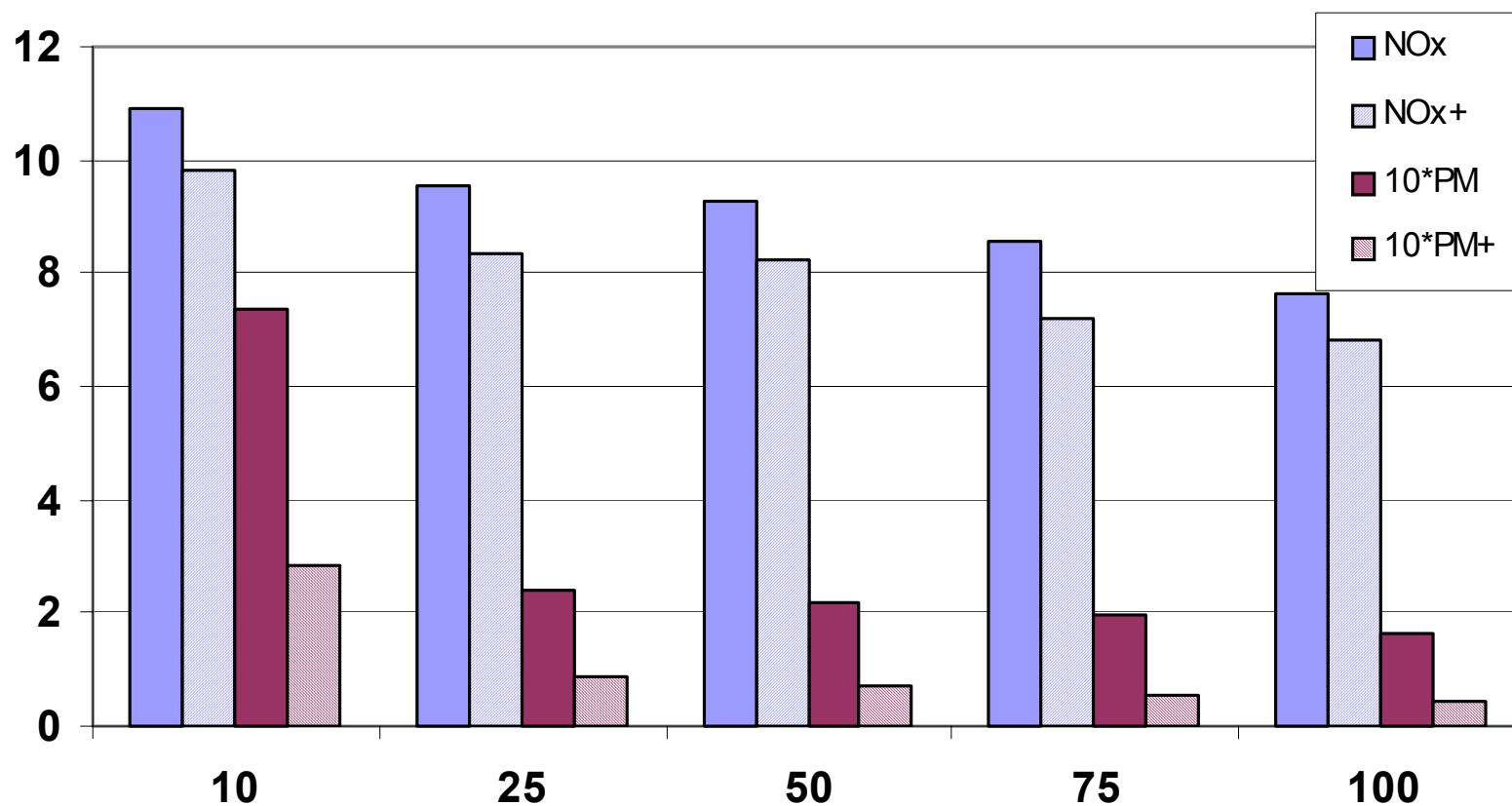
Comparison of Filter Mass by ISO & M5 Methods



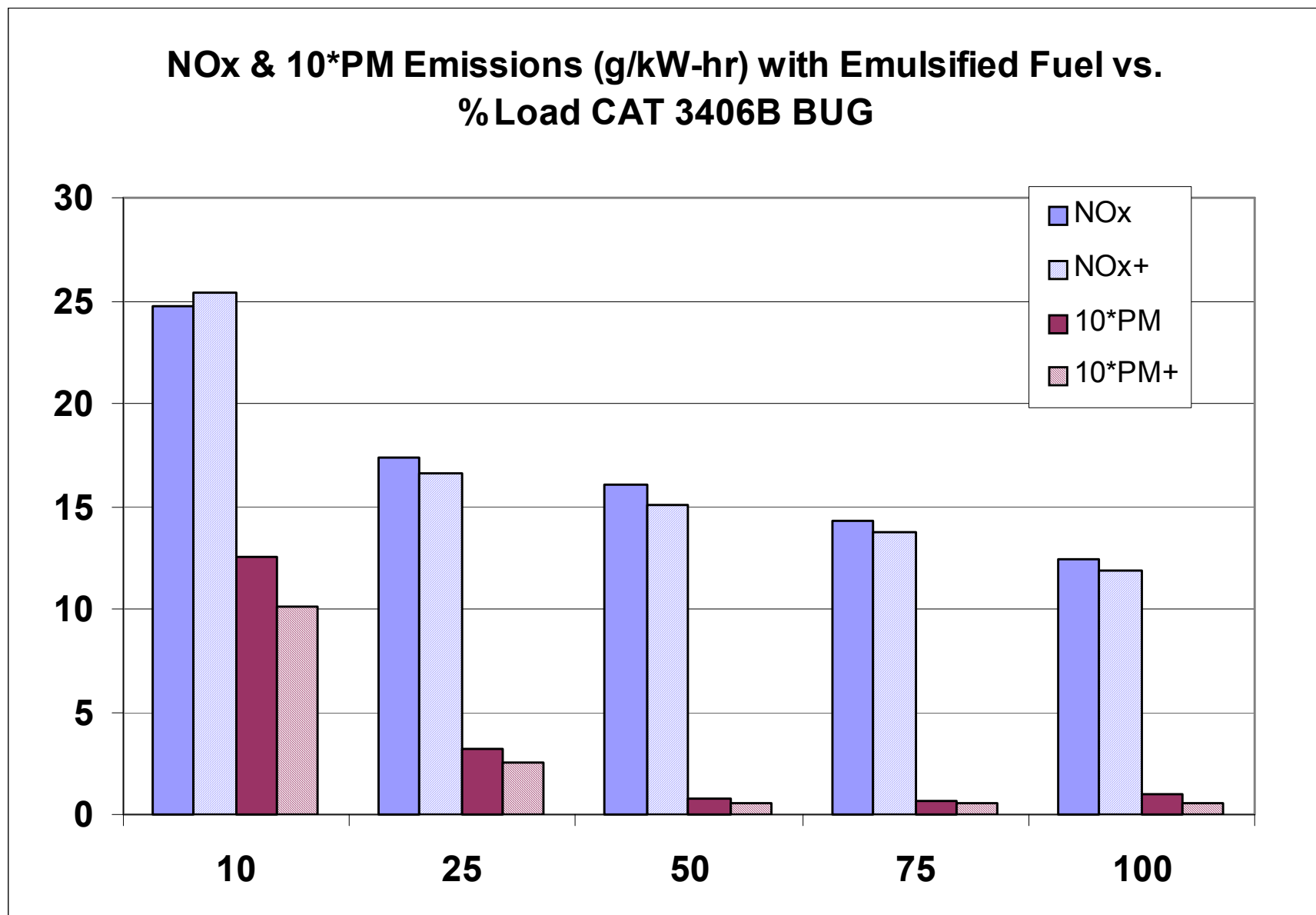
BUG Emissions with Fuel Change

Reducing PM Emissions for a CAT-3406C with a Diesel-water Emulsion

NOx & 10*PM Emissions (g/kW-hr) with Emulsified Fuel vs. %Load - CAT 3406C BUG



Reducing PM Emissions for a CAT-3406B with a Diesel-water Emulsion



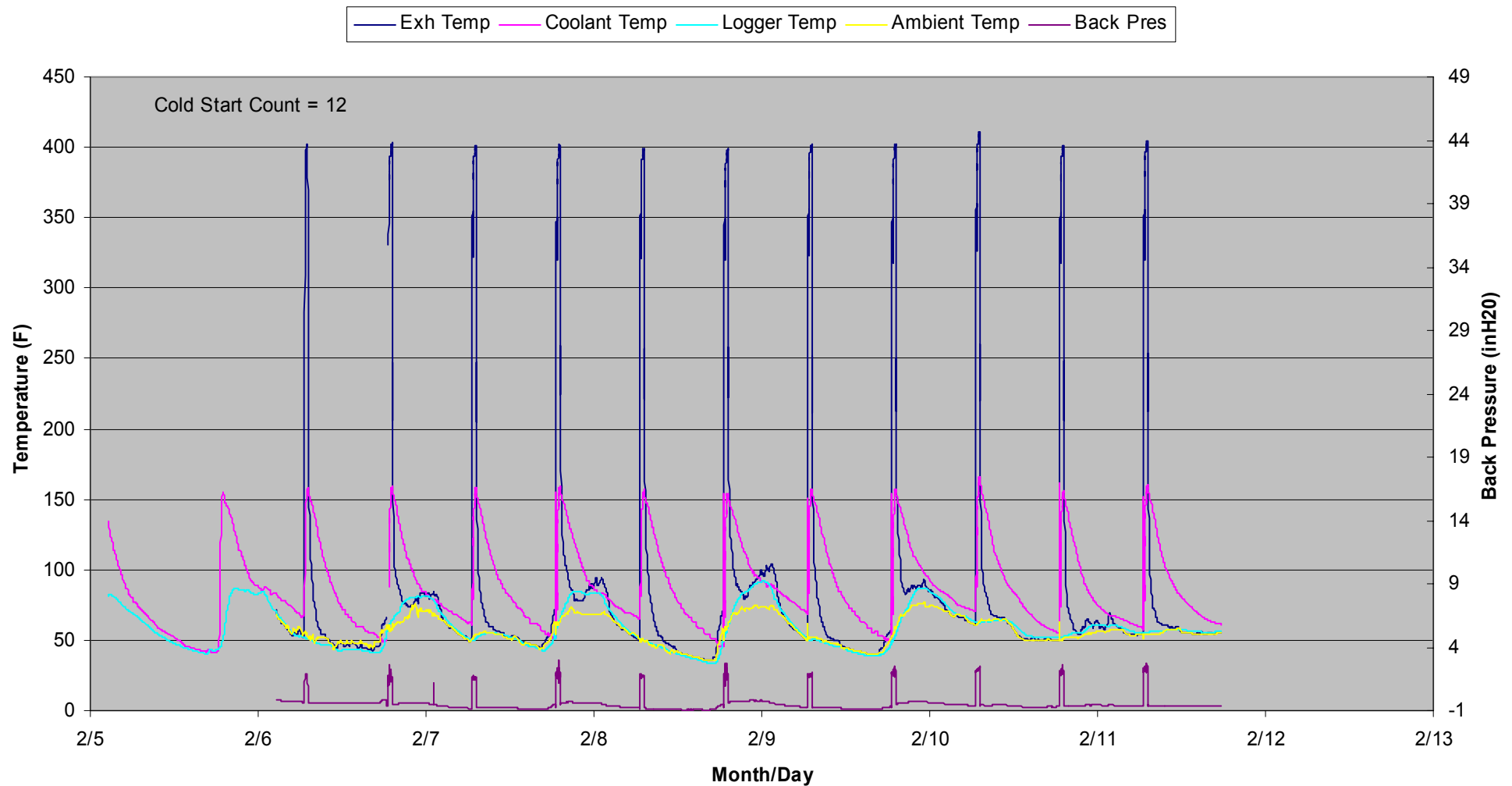
Emissions with Control Device and Durability Testing

Recommended Durability Test Cycle for an Emergency Standby Generator

- **Part 1: Simulated Maintenance for Emergency Standby Generator**
 - ✓ Cold-start engine and run engine at no-load for no more than 1 hour.
 - ✓ Shutdown engine and cool until engine reaches cold-start conditions
 - ✓ Run these tests consecutively and repeat 24 times.
- **Part 2: Simulated Operation**
 - A. **Low-Load Operation**
 - A. Run engine at low-load (25%) for a total of 24 hours.
 - B. **Mid-Load Operation**
 - A. Run engine at mid-load (65%) for a total of 24 hours.
 - C. **High-Load Operation**
 - A. Run engine at high-load (80%) for a total of 24 hours.

Temperature Profiles for a Maintenance Cycle

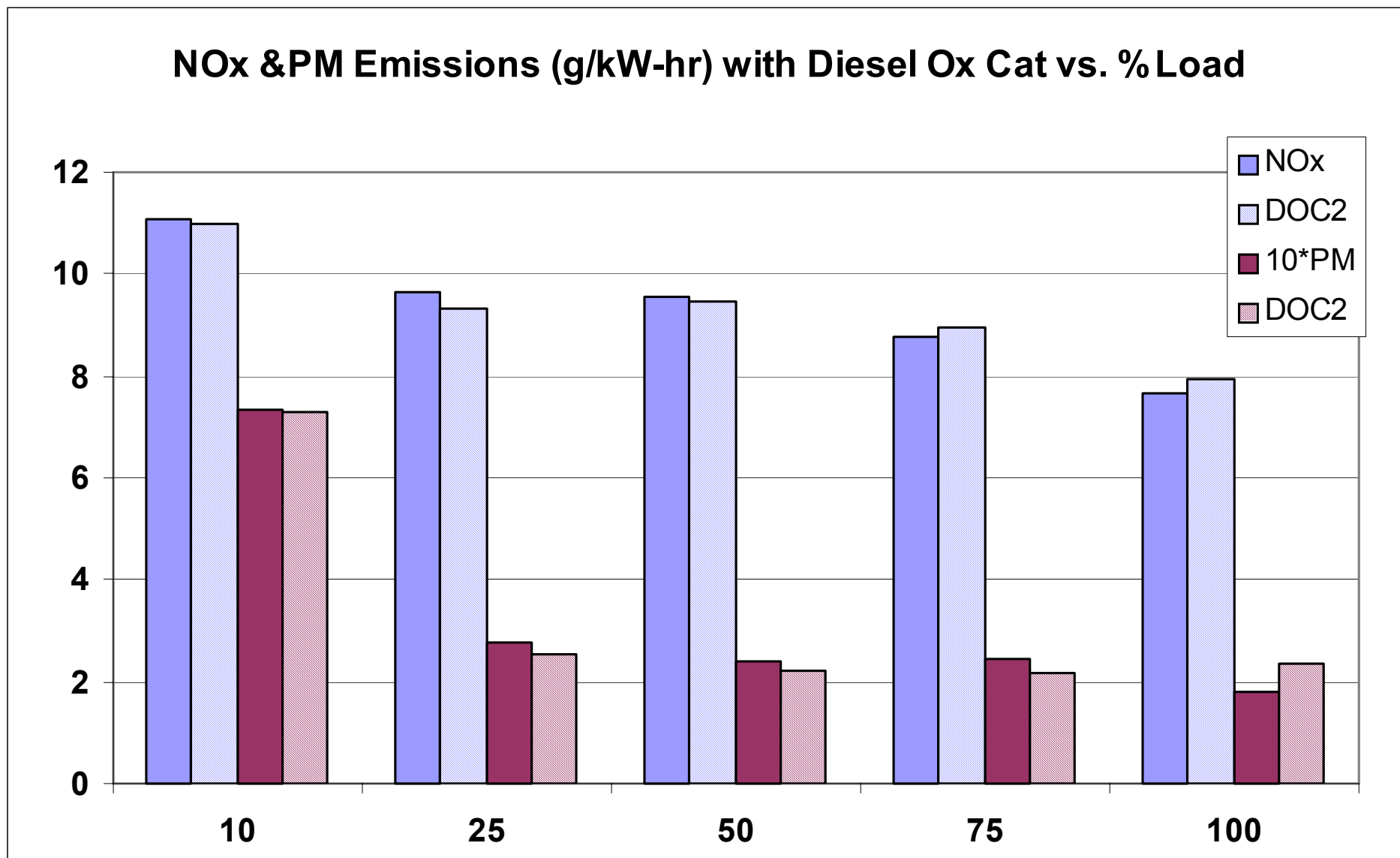
Cold Start Temp Profile for a 3406C CAT BUG



Diesel Oxidation Catalyst

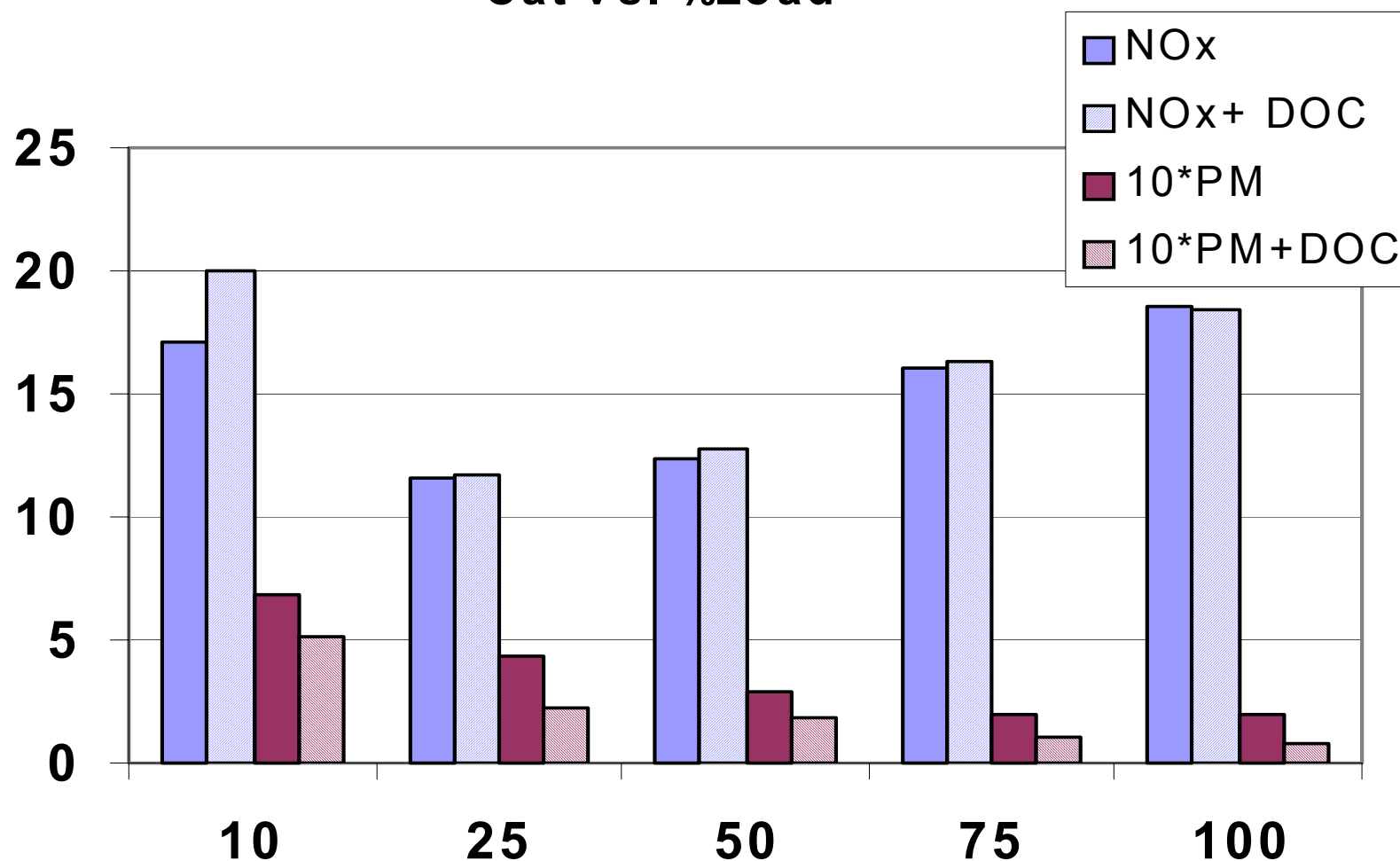


Reducing PM & NOx Emissions for a CAT 3406C Engine with a Diesel Oxidation Catalyst



Reducing PM & NOx Emissions for a 2-Stroke Engine (6V92) with a Diesel Oxidation Catalyst

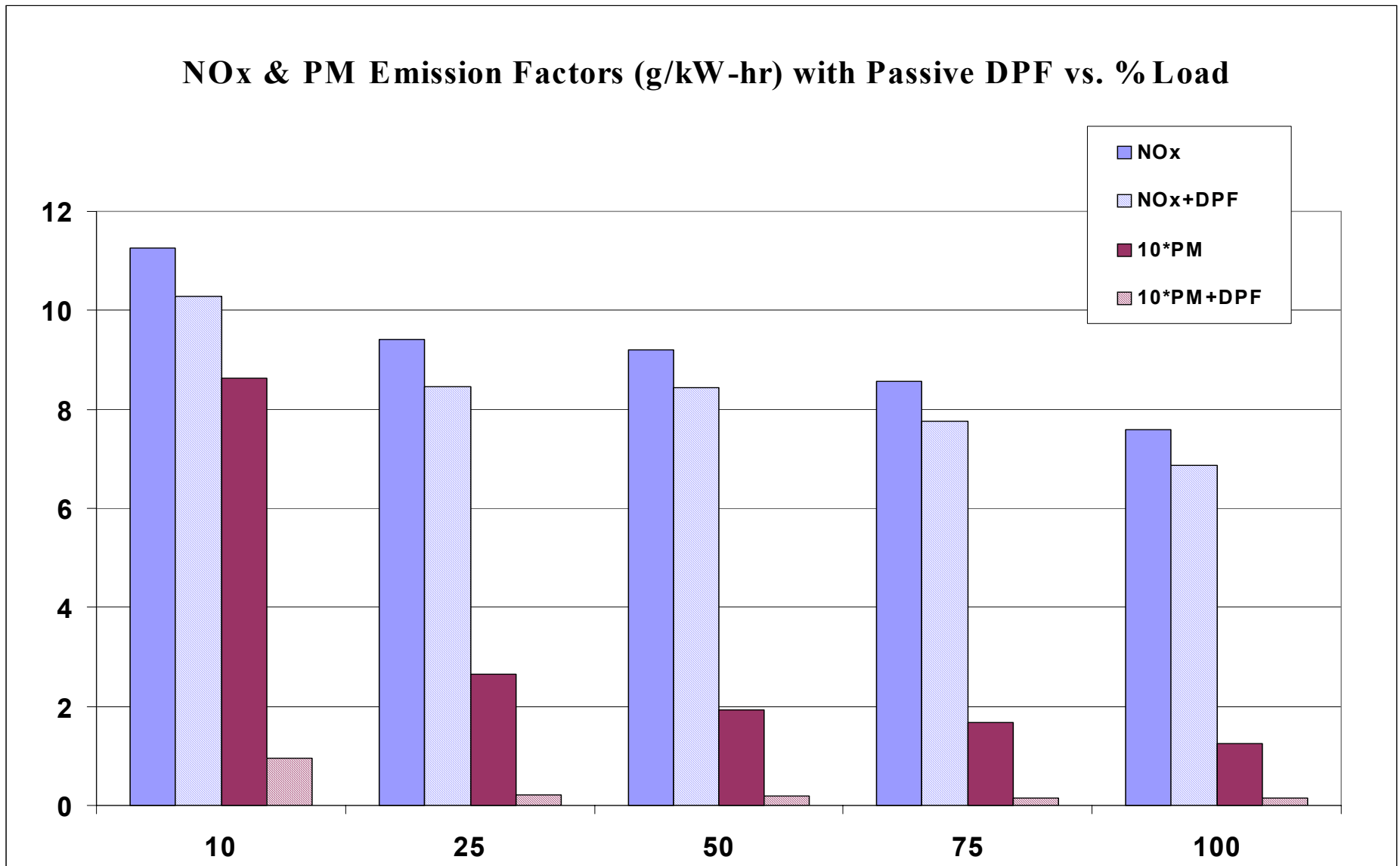
NOx & PM Emissions (g/kW-hr) with Diesel Ox Cat vs. %Load



Passive Diesel Particle Filter



Control of a CAT 3406C with a Diesel Particulate Filter(DPF)



Active Diesel Particle Filter System



Overview of Control Technology

- ***Fuel emulsions*** reduced PM ~ 70% and NO_x by 13% for newer engines. PM was reduced 25% and NO_x by 4% for older engines.
- ***Diesel oxidation catalysts (DOC)*** removed 5-20% of the PM for a model year 2000 engine with “dry soot” and up to 45% for a 1980’s 2-stroke engine.
- ***Passive diesel particulate filters (DPF)*** removed over 91% of the PM but increased NO₂ levels.
- ***Active traps*** removed up to 98% PM without generating NO₂.
- ***A fuel borne catalyst plus DOC*** removed 44% of the PM with a 2-stroke engine and 99.7% of the PM from a new engine with a lightly loaded DPF.

Conclusions

- **Results showed that in-use NO_x and PM emission factors for the uncontrolled BUGs were less than in the AP-42 tables.**
- **BUGs from the same engine family had the same emission values in the field tests.**
- **With control technology, PM emissions can be reduced from 5% to 99.8+%. Selection depends on a number of factors, including PM characterization.**
- **On-going: we are working with EPA to transfer the BUGs results to AP-42.**

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- International Truck & Engine
- Caterpillar
- Cummins
- Mack
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